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Sri A. GOVINDASWAMI NAYAGAR :—" Did the Government spend any amount on the improvements to these ports as stated by the Governor in his recent Address to the Legislator ? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

Promotion of Sub-Inspectors of Police in Anantapur district.

* 376 *Q.*—Sri G. SIVASANKARA REDDI (on behalf of Sri S. Narayanappa) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state how many rank-risen Sub-Inspectors have been promoted as Circle Inspectors of Police in Anantapur district ; and if none, why ?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" None of the Sub-Inspectors promoted from the ranks has been promoted as Circle Inspector of Police in Anantapur district as none was considered suitable for promotion."

Paddy cultivation in Tanjore district.

* 377 *Q.*—Sri S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri S. Swayamprakasam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to give the figures which the Government may possess regarding :

(*a*) the total extent of land under cultivation of paddy in the year 1939 in Tanjore district ;

(*b*) the total yield of paddy in 1939 in the district ;

(*c*) the total extent of land under paddy cultivation in Tanjore district in 1952 ; and

(*d*) the total production of paddy in 1952 in Tanjore district ?

The Hon. Dr. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The total area sown with paddy and the total yield of paddy in 1938–39 in Tanjore district were estimated at 1,212,206 acres and 5,65,820 tons respectively.

" (*c*) & (*d*) The total area sown with paddy and the total yield of paddy in 1951–52 in Tanjore district were estimated at 1,336,493 acres and 6,15,830 tons respectively."

Transfer of Lady Doctor in Government Hospital, Pattukkottai.

* 378 *Q.*—Sri A. K. SUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received any representations from the public of Pattukkottai taluk in Tanjore district regarding the corrupt practices of the Lady Doctor in the Government Hospital in demanding bribes, etc., and requesting transfer of this Lady Doctor to some other place ; and

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(b) if so, what action was taken or is proposed to be taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) The matter is under enquiry. The officer has already been transferred out of Pattukkottai."

Maintenance of major irrigation channels in estates taken over by Government.

* 379 Q.—Sri K. GOVINDA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that major irrigation channels in estates taken over by the Government are to be handed over to the Public Works Department for maintenance and repairs; and

(b) if so, when it will be given effect to?

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) Yes.

" (b) It has been given effect to already. In the districts in which Special Food Production staff under the Commissioner of Food Production is working, repairs to the irrigation sources taken over are being attended to by that special staff. After repairs and restoration, the irrigation sources of the kind normally vested in the Public Works Department will be handed over to the Public Works Department for maintenance."

Sri S. THINAKARASAMY THEVAR :—" May I know whether the Food Production Department in Madurai district are entrusted with the repairs of major and minor channels which are badly in need of repairs? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question. I have given a general answer. "

Sri K. V. RAMESAM :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what the irrigation channels proposed to be taken up for execution this year by the department concerned are? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

Sri V. K. RAMASAMI MUDALIAR :—" May I know why the repairs to the channels and tanks in the estates that have been taken over in the Chingleput district have been deferred? "

The Hon. Sri N. RANGA REDDI :—" The hon. Member may give notice of a separate question."

Mr. SPEAKER :—" Questions are over. The Hon. the Minister for Rural Welfare will now move the motion standing in his name."